



HO Soo Ying (fourth right) and Mugunthan A/L Perumal (fifth right) pose with their awards and STA's representatives.

Special STA awards for two Unimas' students

KOTA SAMARAHAN -Thanks to their hard work, Ho Soo Ying and Mugunthan A/L Perumal have won special awards from Sarawak Timber Association (STA).

Ho Soo Ying from Malacca was recognised as the Best Graduating Student of the Plant Science and Resource Management, Faculty of Resource Science Technology, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

She managed to keep up her excellent performance throughout her academic sessions and has

received the Dean's award five times.

She is also very active in the co-curriculum activities and has represented Unimas in Sukan Mahasiswa Borneo (SUKMAB) in badminton in 2011.

She won a silver medal in the Annual Malaysia - Indonesia Varsity Games (SUKMALINDO) in badminton in 2010.

Mugunthan, who is a Sarawakian, shared the joyous moment for being awarded with the Best Final Year Project (Related to Forestry or

Timber Industry) entitled "Growth performance and survival rate of planted *Shorea macrophylla* at various ages stands in Sampadi Forest Reserve" under the supervision of Dr. Mohd. Effendi Wasli for the academic session 2012.

Since the co-operation with STA initiated in 2005, eight students had been recognized as Best Graduating Students while nine received the Best Final Year Project Award.

STA has also given seven scholarships while Daiken Sdn. Bhd has

awarded five scholarships through STA to Sarawakian students pursuing the Plant Resource Science and Management programme based on their academic performances and parents' financial abilities.

The STA awards and scholarships awarded to the students are very much appreciated by Unimas in strengthening and enhancing the industries linkages and co-operation in realising the country's aspirations in the process of building knowledgeable human capital.